

The examiner also objected to the specification, requesting that the status of the co-pending applications be updated. Applicants respectfully submit that the status of the co-pending applications, as indicated in the amendment to paragraph [01] in the preliminary amendment filed on January 3, 2005, is current.

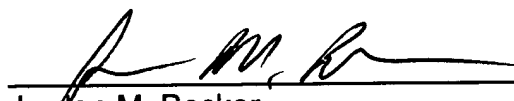
As such, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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